

UNITED COMMUNITY CORPORATION

Executive Committee
The Welfare Federation
45 Branford Pl., Newark, N. J.
April 26, 1965

PRESENT WERE: C. Willard Heckel, President, presiding; Mrs. Hilda Hidalgo, Robert H. Larkin for Dr. Thomas Flagg, Magr. Richard McGuinness for Magr. Joseph Dooling; Rabbi Jonathan J. Prinz, Francis Quillan, Sidney Reitman, Irving Rosenberg, Peter V. R. Schuyler, Timothy Still, Cyril D. Tyson, and Beatrice Easley.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Dean Heckel reported that he had met with Mr. John Bullitt of the Trenton CEO. Dean Heckel felt it was time for an education job to get information to the public on what we are trying to do. He also felt that a small group of people, not politically involved, should meet with some of our state legislators to try to persuade them to discontinue their attack on the anti-poverty program. He also suggested the same group should meet with key newspaper editors throughout the state regarding news items on the anti-poverty program. Both meetings should be held next week. Mr. Bullitt was receptive and is submitting a list of names from which selections will be made.

Mr. Bullitt and Dean Heckel also discussed the relationship between Rutgers and the anti-poverty program. A trial program has been developed with CANDO and Rutgers Law School. The program is to train local leadership who will in turn train others regarding their legal rights. The Law School is working with the legal profession.

A state training center is being planned which will be subcontracted to Rutgers. Its initial purpose will be to train area board trustees so they will be able to function better in their respective roles as trustees, committee members, etc.

Mr. Tyson said that a community action institute which would include a legal service program is planned for local area boards.

There was considerable discussion on whether Rutgers should negotiate with the Trenton CEO or UCC in relation to setting up legal training programs. It was suggested that all legal training programs should be completely non-partisan and should be on community level.

Mr. Schuyler moved that community people be used in setting up legal action services and contact be made with the legal profession for aid. Mr. Still seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Following Mr. Reitman's conference with legal services department of Mobilization for Youth, a meeting will be held with community action task force co-chairmen, the program committee and representatives from Rutgers to discuss local legal action services. The following names were suggested: Prof. Al Blumrosen and Prof. Leonard Zeitz both of Rutgers, and Joe Pikus of Hospital & Health Council of Newark & Vicinity.

REPORT OF
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR:

Mr. Tyson read letter from Dr. Kennelly regarding Board of Education's reason for taking proposals to Washington on April 15.

Mr. Quillan pointed out that since the letter from the City Council submitted with Head Start Proposal was not the latest and contained limitation on use of funds, that we should submit the other letter to be included in proposals. There was unanimous consent.

Mr. Tyson reported that he had been called to Washington to make some adjustments in the Head Start Proposal. Dr. Van Ness appeared for the Board of Education.

The following programs will be developed for Board approval: After school study program. There will be a local one if overall one is not ready when we are prepared to move. Program for junior high school children going into high school in September; senior citizens program for next fiscal year; the social agencies under Title I will provide young people who can get jobs in program for senior citizens. After school remedial program of Queen of Angels has received money from a foundation. The pre-school council will meet next week to go over their proposal before submission. Mt. Carmel Guild Work Training Proposal.

The County office has submitted head start proposal which includes some children from Newark. Mr. Tyson will meet with them on this to avoid duplication.

When UCC budget was submitted to Washington they made an error in computation. They will approve reallocation of funds if our Board submits a request.

In the development of some of our proposals funds or matching services is needed. The Blazers need \$70,000 in money or services. Equipment is available and can be marked off. It may be possible to mark off space for programs as well. Long range pre-school needs \$150,000 in money or matching services. During the first year all funds will be administered by UCC. The second year they may be able to carry on themselves. \$100,000 is needed to develop three more area boards. They will be Ironbound, Dayton and area east of Area Board I. It is hoped by July to have all these programs under way.

SPANISH
SPEAKING
COMMUNITY:

In regard to involvement of the Spanish speaking community, Mr. Tyson reported that two community organizers will be hired to work full-time with them. Those who speak Spanish are presently involved in the pre-school program and applications will be passed on. As for head start, the Board of Education hires staff. We can stress to the Board that they hire Spanish speaking teachers who may not be certified but who have backgrounds in education.

Mrs. Hidalgo moved that in all programs sponsored by UCC, that consideration be given to the Spanish speaking residents of the City of Newark. Seconded and passed unanimously.

The Board of Education is to be sent a letter requesting that consideration be given Spanish speaking teachers in hiring of staff for head start.

It was also urged that the contract with the Board of Education to conduct head start include provision for hiring Spanish speaking people.

SMALL
BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
CENTER:

The Committee to explore appropriate structure for setting up SBDC is holding meetings. Area Board representatives, SBA officials, and NARC are participating in the meeting with Board of Trustee members.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

It was suggested that the Finance Committee should meet very soon.

ANNUAL MEETING:

There was unanimous agreement that the annual meeting notice be bilingual and that all newspaper publicity should reflect that we are trying to reach the total community.

PERSONNEL
PRACTICES:

The Personnel Committee is asking the Board of Trustees to make policy on increments for staff and payment of moving expenses for department heads.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned
at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter V. R. Schuyler,
Secretary